

State Route 7 (SR-98 to I-8)

■ OVERALL GOALS

- Construct approximately 9.6 km (5.5 miles) of a four-lane divided highway with access control from State Route 98 (SR-98) to Interstate 8 (I-8)
- Facilitate service to the new POE, and enhance international and interregional movement of goods and services
- Ensure adequate border transportation infrastructure to accommodate the expected increase in commercial carrier activity between the U.S. and Mexico as a result of NAFTA
- Relieve congestion on SR-111 and reduce environmental effects of border traffic

■ PROJECT MAP

■ THE PROJECT

The project proposes to extend State Route 7 (SR-7) from State Route 98 (SR-98) to Interstate 8 (I-8) in Imperial County. The first phase of SR-7, completed March 1996, constructed 1.2 miles of four-lane highway from the international border crossing to SR-98. This second segment of SR-7 will improve service to the new Calexico East Federal Port of Entry (POE) by providing a more direct access to I-8. The new POE is located about 10.46 km (6.5 miles) east of the existing POE located in the City of Calexico along the U.S./Mexico border.

■ PROJECT ALIGNMENT

The Orchard Road Alignment will construct the highway from the terminus of the first segment of SR-7 at SR-98 north along the Orchard Road corridor to I-8.

■ STATUS

The Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) and the Project Report were completed Fall 2000. The design and right of way acquisition process have commenced with construction scheduled to being in Fall 2003 and be completed in Fall 2005.

■ FUNDING

\$64.5 million, from both state and federal sources, has been programmed for preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, and construction.

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